

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7-10, 13, 14 and 21-23 are currently pending in the present application. New claims 21-23 have been added, support for which may be found in the specification, at least, at page 43, Table 3. No new matter has been added by way of the present claim amendments.

Suspension of Action

The Examiner should note that Applicants have requested a three (3) month suspension of action on the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The request is being filed with the processing fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i). Accordingly, the Examiner of the present application should not take further action in the case until the period of suspended action has expired.

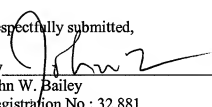
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Reg. No. 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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